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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 9774 ACTION SECSTATE 01 SEPT

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S E C R E T CAIRO 9774

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TAGS: OVIP (SADAT, ANWAR)

SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY SADAT MAY NOT VISIT US

1. WHEN DISCUSSING WITH FAHMY TODAY VARIOUS PRELIMINARY DETAILS OF SADAT'S DRAFT ITINERARY, HE SAID WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GO TO THE US. IF THE CONGRESS DOES NOT APPROVE THE US PROPOSAL AND THE ISRAELIS REFUSE TO IMPLEMENT THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, IT WILL OBVIOUSLY NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO GO. DOING SO WOULD SUBJECT HIM TO EVEN MORE FURIOUS ATTACKS THAN ARE NOW BEING LEVELED AT HIM. I TOLD FAHMY WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE CONGRESS WILL ACT AND THE AGREEMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

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2. FAHMY SAID HE HOPED SO, BUT VOICED DEEP DISTRUST OF

ISRAELI INTENTIONS. HE RECALLED HE HAD CAUTIONED AT ALEXANDRIA THAT THE ISRAELIS MIGHT ACCEPT AN AGREEMENT, BUT THEN QUIETLY WORK ON THE CONGRESS TO REJECT IT. IN THIS WAY, THEY CAN CLAIM TO BE ABSOLVED OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS AND BLAME IT ON THE CONGRESS. I SAID I KNEW OF NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE DOING THIS. FAHMY SAID PERHAPS NOT, BUT NOTED THAT VARIOUS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE PUBLICLY EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT THERE IS NO JEWISH LOBBY AT WORK SUPPORTING THE AGREEMENT. FROM THIS, FAHMY INFERS THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE AT THE VERY LEAST REFRAINING FROM ENCOURAGING POSITIVE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. IT IS CLEARLY A SHORT STEP FROM THAT VIEW TO HIS CONSPIRACY THEORY THAT THE ISRAELIS MAY BE COVERTLY WORKING TO UNDERMINE THE AGREEMENT.

3. FAHMY ASKED FOR OUR LATEST ESTIMATE AS TO WHEN CONGRESS MAY BE EXPECTED TO ACT. I DREW HIS ATTENTION TO PRESIDENT FORD'S PERTINENT MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS AND SAID WE HOPED CONGRESSIONAL ACTION MAY BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. EILTS
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